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REMARKS

Thorough examination and careful review by the Examiner is noted and appreciated.

The gracious allowance of Claims 7-12 is further acknowledged and appreciated by the Applicants.

The indication by the Examiner that Claims 3-5 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims is further noted and acknowledged.

Independent Claim 1 has been amended to further incorporate the limitations contained in dependent claims 2 and 3, which are cancelled as a result. The newly amended independent claim 1 is therefore equivalent to dependent claim 3 being rewritten into independent form, which the Examiner has indicated would be allowable. A reconsideration for allowance of the newly amended independent Claim 1 is respectfully requested of the Examiner.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claims 1, 2 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Zing '222. It is contended that Zing discloses substantially all of the essential elements in independent claim 1.

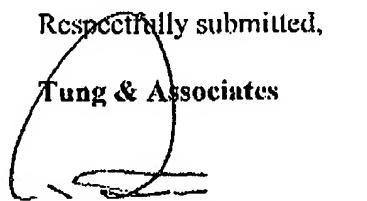
Claim 1 has been amended to further recite the limitations contained in dependent claims

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2 and 3. The newly amended independent claim 1 is therefore not anticipated by Zing under 35 U.S.C. §102(b). A reconsideration for allowance of Claim 1 and its dependent claims 4-6 is respectively requested of the Examiner.

Based on the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that all the pending claims, i.e. Claims 1 and 3-5 are now in condition for allowance. Such favorable action by the Examiner at any early date, together with the passage to issuance of the allowed Claims 7-12, is respectfully solicited from the Examiner.

In the event that the present invention as claimed is not in condition for allowance for any reason, the Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicants' representative at his Bloomfield Hills, Michigan office at (248) 540-4040 such that necessary action may be taken to place the application in a condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,
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